

The Claims:

The claims are listed as follows:

Claim 1 – cancelled

Claim 2 – currently amended

Claim 3 – original

Claim 4 – currently amended

Claim 5 - currently amended

Claim 6 – original

Claim 7 - currently amended

Claim 8 – original

Claim 9 – cancelled

Claim 10 – original

Claim 11 - currently amended

Claim 12 - currently amended

Claim 13 – original

Claim 14 – original

Claim 15 – original

Claim 16 – original

Claim 17 – original

Claim 18 – currently amended

Claim 19 - currently amended

In the claims, please amend claims 2, 4, 5, and 7 as follows:

2. (Currently amended): A flexible lighting device ~~having a selectably changeable shape~~, comprising:

a flexible lighting element which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting wires and molded in a plastic rope; and

an adjustable shape-retaining element coupled to said flexible lighting element,

said flexible lighting device having a shape selectable at will, which is changeably retained by said adjustable shape- retaining element.

4. (Currently amended): The lighting device according to claim 3 2, wherein: said adjustable shape-retaining element is molded in said plastic rope.

5. (Currently amended): The lighting device according to claim 2, further comprising:

a translucent flexible covering coupled about said flexible lighting ~~element~~ device.

7. (Currently amended): The lighting device according to claim 2, ~~comprising a~~ wherein said flexible lighting element is mounted in a translucent, flexible covering, and said flexible covering including an adjustable shape-retaining element is incorporated into said covering for coupling to said lighting element.

Please cancel Claim 9.

Please amend Claims 11, 12, 18, and 19 as follows:

11. (Currently amended): ~~The A~~ flexible lighting device ~~according to claim 7,~~
~~wherein said comprising:~~

a flexible lighting element which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs
coupled to conducting wires and molded in a plastic rope,

said rope being mounted in a translucent, flexible covering; and

an adjustable shape-retaining element incorporated in at least part of said
flexible covering, and coupled to said flexible lighting element;

said flexible lighting device having a shape selectable at will, which is
changeably retained by said adjustable shape- retaining element.

12. (Currently amended): A method for ~~providing a selectably changeable~~
forming a lighting device, the method comprising:

coupling an adjustable shape-retaining element to a flexible lighting element,
which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting wires and
molded in a plastic rope,

so as to form a flexible lighting device having a shape selectable at will and
changeably retained by said adjustable shape- retaining element.

18. (Currently amended): ~~The A method according to claim 14, wherein the step~~
~~of coupling includes~~ for forming a flexible lighting device, the method
comprising:

mounting a flexible lighting element, which includes a plurality of tiny light bulbs coupled to conducting wires and molded in a plastic rope, in a translucent flexible covering; and

incorporating ~~the~~ an adjustable shape-retaining element ~~in the~~ having a selectably changeable shape in at least part of said flexible covering.

19. (Currently amended): The method according to claim ~~15~~ 18, wherein ~~the step of coupling includes incorporating the adjustable shape-retaining element in the~~ said flexible covering is transparent.